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In re Application of:
Tiecheng A. Qiao, et al

**METHOD OF MAKING RANDOM
ARRAY OF MICROSPHERES USING
ENZYME DIGESTION**

Serial No. 10/062,326

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants hereby submit an amendment to the specification and request that the amendment be considered and entered, without prejudice, prior to the first Office Action on the merits.

In the Specification:

The paragraph beginning on page 15, line 8 has been amended as set forth below:

Three DNA oligonucleotide probe sequences and their complementary target sequences were used in this example. The probe sequence was modified with primary amine at their 5 prime end and the target sequence was modified with biotin at their 5 prime end.

Please delete Table 1 on page 15, beginning on line 12.

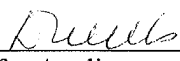
REMARKS

The Applicant seeks to amend the application to remove the sequence listings on page 15 of the specification as the specific sequence listing is not necessary for the example to be demonstrated .

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page(s) is captioned "**Version With Markings To show Changes Made.**"

Respectfully submitted,

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Three DNA oligonucleotide probe sequences and their complementary target sequences were used in this example [as shown in Table 1.]. The probe sequence was modified with primary amine at their 5 prime end and the target sequence was modified with biotin at their 5 prime end.

Table 1 on page 15, beginning on line 12 has been cancelled.